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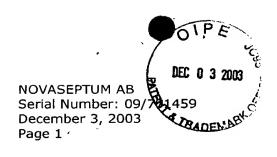
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AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 3, 2003

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 3,2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 3, 2003. This response was initially filed on September 3, 2003. A copy of the fax confirmation is attached. This amendment and response is being resubmitted as part of the RCE because the response was apparently not received by the USPTO. Accompanying this response is a request for a three month extension of time.

Please amend the application as follows: ,

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 15 without prejudice and amend claims as shown in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".